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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS NEGOTIATING TEAM

1. TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE AUSTRALIAN SAFEGUARDS TEAM NOW TOURING WORLD CAPITALS VISITED MISSION. TEAM HAS VISITED UK, VIENNA, AND ITALY; WILL BE SEEING EC COMMISSION AND BELGIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHILE IN BRUSSELS, THEN TO PARIS, BONN AND TOKYO.

2. PURPOSE OF TEAM IS TO EXPLAIN PRIME MINISTER FRASER'S MAY 24 NUCLEAR POLICY STATEMENT AND TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL PROBLEM AREAS WITH URANIUM CUSTOMERS IN ACCEPTING AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS CONDITIONS.

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3. ONE MECHANISM BEING EXPLORED IN EUROPE IS THE IDEA OF NEGOTIATING BOTH BILATERAL AND EC COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS. TEAM REPS REPORTED THAT SO FAR THEY FOUND UK IN FAVOR OF BILATERAL, AND ITALY FAVORING THE EURATOM APPROACH. AUSTRALIANS PLAN TO IDENTIFY TO COMMISSION AND MEMBER COUNTRIES THE TOTAL SET OF CONDITIONS THEY

FEEL ARE NECESSARY, AND LEAVE IT UP TO EUROPE TO DECIDE THE FORMAT.

4. ONE FEATURE OF AUSTRALIAN SAFEGUARDS CONDITIONS IS THE REQUIREMENT THAT CUSTOMERS IDENTIFY, OR "LABEL", AUSTRALIAN-SOURCE URANIUM THROUGHOUT ITS LIFE CYCLE. THEY RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEMS THIS CAUSES WHEN THE MATERIAL MAY HAVE COME UNDER CANADIAN OR U.S. CONTROL PRIOR TO DELIVERY TO CUSTOMER AND THESE COUNTRIES THEN CONSIDER THE SAME MATERIAL TO BE ACCOUNTABLE TO THEM. AUSTRALIAN REPS SAID THAT THEY FELT THAT URANIUM SUPPLIERS SHOULD GET TOGETHER, PERHAPS AS PART OF INFCEP, TO WORK OUT A REASONABLE SYSTEM THAT WOULD AVOID THE COMPLICATIONS OF "MULTI-LABELLING."

5. TEAM REPS CONFIRMED THAT GOVERNMENT DECISION ON AUTHORIZING URANIUM PRODUCTION AND EXPORT IS EXPECTED IN THREE OR FOUR WEEKS. THEY BELIEVE THE DECISION WILL BE POSITIVE.MORRIS

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